

American citizens of Indian origin, to groups and organizations in Gujarat and elsewhere in India that are directly linked to the violence in Gujarat. I do not know if these accounts are true. But respected Indian journalists have uncovered disturbing linkages. If these reports prove accurate, then it is possible that such financial transactions violate U.S. anti-terrorism statutes.

Alternatively, issues of fraud may be at issue. Responsible sources report that some U.S. residents make financial contributions to overseas religious groups in the belief that these funds are to be used for religious or humanitarian purposes, when in fact the monies so raised are, used to promote religious bigotry.

In either event, it is probably advisable for the American Government to hold an official inquiry into fund-raising in the U.S. by groups implicated in Gujarat violence, to ensure that U.S. laws are not being violated. Legitimate organizations need not fear such an investigation, which would serve to clear their names and reassure potential donors about the legitimacy of their fund-raising activities. Nor would such an inquiry be new or unusual. The U.S. has acted in the past to regulate or even to band fund-raising activities by groups advocating violence and ethnic or religious intolerance in other countries, as well as activities where fraud may be an issue. Since September 11, both the Bush administration and other Governments have shut down a number of groups whose ostensible purposes were to collect funds for Muslim charities, but which actually served to finance terrorist networks.

The Gujarat violence, Lone's assassination, and most recently, the designation of L.K. Advani as Deputy Prime Minister and most likely successor to Mr. Vajpayee have all raised new concerns about India's future among India's friends in the U.S. An official U.S. investigation into Gujarat-related fund-raising, voluntarily facilitated by the Government of India, would go far towards easing those concerns and further strengthening the new partnership between our peoples.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MARGARET "MARDY" MURIE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th birthday of Margaret "Mardy" Murie.

Mardy was the prime mover in the creation of one of America's great treasures, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. She was the first female graduate of the University of Alaska. Margaret "Mardy" Gillette grew up in Fairbanks during a time before airplanes and bush pilots, when one entered the territory by only boat or sled. Back then, Mardy relates, the territory was such an expanse that great spaces and wilderness were taken for granted. In 1921, she then met Olaus Murie, a Minnesota native who'd just been hired by the Biological Survey to study the Caribou population in Alaska. In 1924, Mardy married Olaus in the small village of Anvik.

The couple spent their first days of their marriage on the upper Koyukuk River above the Arctic Circle and later followed the Caribou migration through Brooks Range. Their honeymoon was a 550-mile dogsled ride across some of the most beautiful country in the

world. Mardy took to the trail with Olaus, setting up field camps and assisting with data collection and photography. Olaus completed many paintings of the settings they traveled in. Camping from the Yukon Territory to the Teton Range, they raised three children. The family eventually settled in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It was then they traveled frequently back to Alaska to live and also to Washington, D.C. to speak out for conservation issues and wilderness preservation. During their travels, both Mardy and Olaus began to notice the impact that the spread of human habitation had on the natural world; they saw large areas of wild land begin to disappear.

Over time, their commitment to natural area preservation increased. Even after Olaus' death in 1963 the commitment they shared never wavered. He is still remembered as one of the most important naturalists and environmentalists of this century. Mardy herself has become the elder stateswoman for the entire U.S. conservation movement.

Though Mardy lives today in Moose, Wyoming, her spiritual home remains in Alaska. She still travels to Washington frequently and visitors to her home include a Who's Who in the conservation movement. Though she speaks more softly these days and doesn't pick up her pen to write as often, she continues to read the many letters she receives and to invite people to her home. Her home serves as a Mecca for the conservation movement, hosting the Murie Center, an organization dedicated to the conservation movement. The Center's purpose is to develop new constituencies for wilderness and to foster fresh thinking and sustain confidence in the conservation community.

We owe much to the life's work of Mardy Murie, a pioneer of the environmental movement, who, with her husband, Olaus, helped set the course of American conservation more than 70 years ago. Her passionate support for and compelling testimony on behalf of the Alaska Lands Act helped to ensure the legislation's passage and the protection of some of our most pristine lands. A member of the governing council of The Wilderness Society, she also founded the Teton Science School to teach students of all ages the value of ecology. For her steadfast and inspiring efforts to safeguard America's wilderness for future generations, we honor Mardy Murie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100th birthday of Margaret "Mard" Murie.

A SALUTE TO VIRGIN MARY "JEFFERSON" PAIGE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, Virgin Mary "Jefferson" Paige was born on August 10, 1926 in Washington DC. She attended Armstrong Senior High (Duke Ellington's high school) and was the Dean of students for the Cortez Peters Secretarial School. As a civic and cultural activist, she served with such distinguished organizations as the Restoration of the Howard Theater Project, Lettunplay, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and the Ad Hoc Committee for the Arts for the New Convention Center.

Mary began her professional singing career at age fourteen. Her first job was at the Elks Club at 15th & Q St; NW. Her mentors were Duke Ellington, Big Maybelle and was taught tap dancing by band leader Lionel Hampton. She danced in the chorus line in the Caverns, performed in jig shows and did interpretive dancing to such tunes as "Smoke Rings". She also performed in such clubs as Melody Inn, Turner's Arena, Boots and Saddle, Off Beat and the Republic Gardens. Virgin Mary "Jefferson" Paige graced the stages on the local club scene for 60 years. As an actress she performed in film, television, commercials and won an Emmy for the documentary "7th and T." Mary traveled with a group of Washington DC jazz and blues singers to perform at the San Remo Blues Festival in Italy. She was aptly called the "Queen of DC Blues".

Her loyal fans and admirers mourned the loss of this great artist on August 10, 2002. Her contribution to the development of the Washington jazz and blues scene will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. GENE SAPP OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two very special members of the North Alabama community, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sapp. Gene and Pat Sapp are the deserving recipients of the 2002 Huntsville Arthritis Foundation's Humanitarian Award. The people of North Alabama are very fortunate to have had Gene and Pat Sapp active in our community over the last forty years. They have provided leadership to North Alabama in business, education, economic development, volunteerism, music and music education, and overall humanitarianism.

Gene Sapp presently serves as Co-Chairman of Sanmina-SCI, a major employer in North Alabama. Prior to the merger between Sanmina and SCI, Inc., Gene led SCI as President, CEO and then as Chairman. During his tenure as President, he led the company from annual revenues of \$59 million to a run rate approaching \$10 billion. Although he plans to retire as Co-Chairman of Sanmina-SCI in December, he will remain a director and continue to be a leader in the Huntsville community. Gene is very active with educational issues, serving as a member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Foundation Board of Trustees and its Business Advisory Council as well as founding Sci-Quest in Huntsville, an operational hands-on science center for all ages. Mr. Sapp is director of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Foundation, a founding trustee of Leadership Alabama, a founding director of Junior Achievement, and a member of Huntsville's Committee of 100. His awards include the Silver and Gold Knights of Management awards from the National Management Association and Huntsville Rotary Club's 2000 Vocational Excellence Award.

Pat Sapp is a very active and important member of our community. She was one of the first women to be ordained as a deacon at Weatherly Heights Baptist Church and was the first woman to serve as chairperson of the

church's council of deacons. Pat was instrumental in forming a satellite center for senior citizens in an area of Huntsville that did not have adequate outreach available to our community's elderly. She serves on the Huntsville Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees and has spent many years as a nursing home volunteer, helping establish the "Adopt Grandparents" program for 6 to 12 year-old children. She has organized various multinational receptions and hosted several international military personnel assigned to Redstone Arsenal, helping make Huntsville a welcoming community for our visitors. Additionally, Pat was a chief volunteer and contributor for the Downtown Rescue Mission's Capital Campaign Committee that developed a new women's and children's shelter, the Sapp Shelter for Women and Children.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sapp for receiving the 2002 Humanitarian Award from the Huntsville Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. As you can tell, this distinguished award recognizing them for their outstanding commitment to our community is well-deserved. I join their children, Sharon Crain and Dr. Mark Sapp; their grandchildren, Will, Berkley, and Annie; and the people of North Alabama in thanking Gene and Pat Sapp for their contributions of time, talents, and compassion to our community over the years.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE PERMANENCE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask all of my colleagues to vote against H.R. 5203, the "so-called" Education Affordability Act that would make permanent all but one of the education tax benefits that were contained in last year's tax cut legislation.

I understand that some of the education provisions, such as the exclusion for employer provided education benefits and tax breaks for student loan interests in the bill today have broad bipartisan support.

However, those provisions can be considered in separate legislation that does not contain such provisions as the Coverdell Savings Accounts, that provides tax breaks equivalent to vouchers for private elementary and secondary schools' attendance.

Five similar bills have been pushed through this House that would make other provisions of last year's tax cut permanent. The Republican Leadership's irresponsible tax cuts have propelled the nation into deficit spending. Every dollar spent on making these tax cuts permanent is another dollar taken out of the Social Security Trust Fund.

Instead of passing this bill, the House should provide adequate public education funding. Additional resources are needed to implement the new ESEA law. This bill would divert much needed money from the public school system where funds are desperately needed to improve public education for all students.

I would urge a no vote on H.R. 5203.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CK & L OF I

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the (Catholic Knights and Ladies of Illinois) CK & L of I in Swansea, Illinois.

Locally, the CK & L of I organization was started some 40 years ago by Emil Wottowa, who served as the organization's President. His son, Ed served as Vice President of the organization, which served the needs of the Catholic community in our area.

The CK & L of I is a fraternal organization based upon the tenants of the organization of Catholic Fraternal Life. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal service organization. Their 1.6 million members and families are dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They work to benefit their communities, their church and their fellowman. In the past ten years alone, the Knights have worked effectively on programs to benefit countless others in need, donating more than \$972 million and providing 421 million hours of volunteer service.

The members of the Catholic family respond person to person in times of need. Members devote thousands of hours annually to fundraising and community service programs to improve the quality of life for others. They give their time and talents and ask nothing in return. That is what fraternalism is about.

Volunteer efforts and council members are the heart of the organization. With the assistance of volunteer officers, members carry out numerous social, civic, benevolent, patriotic and religious activities throughout the year. They provide support, guidance and financial assistance to help members address local needs and their social interests. They support teen centers, blood banks and the Special Olympics, as well as women's shelter and child abuse prevention programs.

The CK & L of I was started locally by Mr. Wottowa who wanted to secure a place in the country where members could enjoy themselves. They started in the old Senior Center located at 116 West A Street in Belleville in 1930 and as they searched for a place for their members, they found the property that they needed at the old Dr. Walton Farm in the Fairview Hts/Swansea area along Rt. 159. Dr. Walton was an avid outdoorsman, as well as a horse enthusiast so there was plenty of undeveloped land available for members and their families to enjoy.

Their first meeting was held on the grounds of the old farm, where several farmhouses were converted for use by the organization. As the complex developed over time, the organization hosted Boy Scout troops from throughout the region, on overnight campouts to learn about the wetland areas and other open space. In fact, the organization works with St. Clair County, Illinois by utilizing its lake and retention areas as a holding pond for area storm water.

The complex today consists of 2 ball diamonds, an auditorium and private clubrooms.

The CK & L of I plays host to many weddings, meetings and receptions. Through their charitable work, they offer rent-free space to Althoff High School, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, St. Henry's Catholic church, the Belleville Exchange Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, Senior citizen meetings, the Camelot Auction, many fundraisers and the annual Blood drive.

Today the CK & L of I boasts over 1,800 members, 900 of which are the men of the organization and 950 are women. The men meet the first Monday of the month while the ladies meet on the second Monday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 40th Anniversary of the CK & L of I organization and wish the best to all of its members both past, present and in the future.

EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH STATED POLICY TOWARDS TAIWAN AND APPARENT MILITARY BUILDUP BY MAINLAND CHINESE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern with our stated policy towards Taiwan and the apparent military buildup by the mainland Chinese.

Mr. Speaker, according to a recent report to Congress issued by the Department of Defense, China's military "offensive capabilities improve as each year passes, providing Beijing with an increasing number of credible options to intimidate or actually attack Taiwan."

This warning by the Department of Defense only adds to my concern over the long standing ambiguity of United States policy towards Taiwan. The policy of "strategic ambiguity" has served the interests of the United States in years past, but recent developments constitute a review in current United States policy.

According to the report, in March of this year, China announced a 17.6 percent increase in military spending. This is a significant increase when it is not facing significant threats from abroad. The report also states, "Beijing is pursuing the ability to force Taiwan to negotiate on Beijing's terms regarding unification with the mainland . . . it also seeks to deter, deny, or complicate the ability of foreign forces to intervene on Taiwan's behalf."

This report is very troubling. However, even more troubling is that while our stated policy indicates an acknowledgment of "one-China," it does not address what the United States' policy should be if Taiwan were attacked by China.

Because of our current policy of "strategic ambiguity" that dates back to the 1970's and the unanswered questions it generates, I am urging President Bush to conduct a comprehensive review of U.S. policy toward Taiwan.

With the apparent aggressive military buildup by the Chinese, the warnings reported by our own Defense Department, and our policy of "strategic ambiguity" towards the China-Taiwan relationship, it is time to review our policy toward Taiwan to unambiguously account for the possibility of a military conflict between mainland China and Taiwan and the United States response to such an action.